

**Remarks:**

This application has been reviewed carefully in view of the Office Action mailed July 6, 2007 ("the Office Action"). In the Office Action, claims 2, 4, 6-13 and 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the pending claims were acknowledged to be allowable over the references of record if amended to overcome the § 112 rejections.

The above-described rejections are addressed as follows:

**I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

As noted above, claims 2, 4, 6-13 and 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for indefiniteness. In addition to the other comments, the Office Action asserts that there are inconsistencies in the claim language due to switching back and forth between singular and plural, with respect to the virtual and actual game players.

Applicant thanks the examiner for the suggestions to clarify the claim language. In light of the examiner's comments, the applicant has amended independent claims 7-9 to overcome the § 112 rejections.

The claim amendments include improving the readability of the claims, clarifying that each of the virtual game players is provided with a different thinking routine, and clarifying the use of singular and plural with respect to the actual and virtual game players. In addition, claim 9 has been amended to address an antecedent basis issue for a server.

In light of these amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the § 112 rejections of claims 2, 4, 6-13 and 15-21.

## II. REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW


In light of the present amendments and remarks, the applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, the applicant requests a telephonic interview to efficiently resolve any unresolved issues of indefiniteness, or to resolve any other issues necessary for putting the claims in condition for allowance.

## III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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